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16 April 1968

Commandant of the Marine Corps
(Code DN)
Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps
Washington, D. C. 20380

To Whom it May Concern:

My purpose for writing your office is to inquire about the details surrounding the death of my brother in the RVN on 30 July 1967. I found it necessary to forward such correspondence since there appeared to be conflicting reports in the letters sent to his wife as well as (his) and my parents.

Included is necessary information relevant to any information you might be able to pass on to me.

David A. Frederick, Captain
089692 U.S.M.C.
Marine Helicopter Squadron 164
FPO SF 96602

Specifically, the questions I would like answered are as follows:
(1) what type mission was he on when his helicopter was shot down and (2) how exactly (by what means) was his helicopter shot down? Any help you could give me in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ken Frederick, Jr.

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14 May 1968

Mr. Ken Frederick, Jr.

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Dear Mr. Frederick:

This is in reply to your letter of 16 April 1968 regarding your brother, the late Captain David A. FREDERICK, 089692, U. S. Marine Corps.

Your desire for information concerning the circumstances surrounding your brother's death is understandable.

The initial report of death disclosed that David died 30 July 1967 in the vicinity of Dong Ha, Republic of Vietnam, when the aircraft on which he was the copilot crashed and burned on approach to a landing zone due to direct hostile action while on a medical evacuation mission.

David, as copilot of a CH-46A helicopter, was participating in a mission to evacuate wounded Marines from an area several miles northwest of Dong Ha, Republic of Vietnam. The helicopter crashed as it was approaching the landing zone and exploded upon impact with the ground.

When a Marine's death occurs as the result of hostile action, an investigation is not conducted. The cause of death, as officially recorded in the files of this Headquarters, is as stated above and supplemented by your brother's former Commanding Officer in his letters to David's widow and parents. Should they not be in receipt

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of these letters, and upon their request, action will
be initiated to have these letters resent to them.

My sympathy is extended to you in the loss of your
brother.

Sincerely,

J. F. HOGSETT, JR.
Major, U. S. Marine Corps
Head, Casualty Section
By direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps

REFNO: 0777-0-01		***** BIOGRAPHIC SECTION *****		ACCNO 5390
NAME: FREDERICK DAVID ADDISON	DATE STATUS: 30 JUL 67	STATUS: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED		
NATL: GALTITY UNITED STATES	RACE: CAUCASIAN	SEX: MALE		
SERVICE: MARINE	HAIR: BROWN	EYES: BLUE		
SSAN: 13413	WEIGHT: 175 LBS	HEIGHT: 72 INS		
SERIAL NO: 13413	COMPLEXION: RUDDY	BLOOD TYPE: O +		
CREAT DATE: 12 JUN 71	RELIGION: PROTESTANT	HOME STATE: OHIO		
UNIT POS: 1	GRAVE CODE: 0	WEAPON SERIAL: #		
UNIT ASGD: 1	RECOVERY PRI: 2			
PW CAMP: 1				
*** VEHICLE DATA ***				
INCIDENT LOCATION	SITE TYPE	CASH SITE	MISSION NAME	CBI SPT.
0777-0-00	1	04	CALL SIGN	#
GRID ZONE 9E5G	NUMBER 415/AMP	04	CASH TYPE	CH46A
UTM: YD027233	NUMBER RECOVERED	00	VEHICLE TYPE	YEAR
COUNTRY: SOUTH VIETNAM	NUMBER POS ID	00	SERIAL	151965
MILITARY REGION: 1	JCRC SECTION	NO	ACCY	ACCURATE
PROVINCE: DMZ	JCRC INSPECTION	NO	ENGINE TYPE	MA
MISSION DATE: 30 JUL 57	OTHER INSPECTION	YES	1 SERIAL #	1586E
	ATTN: STATEMENT	NO	2 SERIAL #	
	BOARD ACTION	NO		
LAST KNOWN LOCATION SAME AS INCIDENT LOCATION				
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